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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL MIDDLE EAST DEBATE

1. AT SUDANESE AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION LAST NIGHT FOR VISITING SUDANESE FORMIN, FAHMY AGAIN MADE PLEA THAT USG VOTE FOR UNSC RESOLUTION OR AT LEAST ABSTAIN. RESOLUTION WAS MODERATE AND MINIMUM THAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED FROM UNSC DEBATE. NOTING HE WAS FULLY AWARE OF OUR POSITION, I SAID I WAS SURE HE UNDERSTOOD WHY WE CAN NOT DO SO.

2. FAHMY CONCEDED HE DID UNDERSTAND, BUT WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE UNSC DEBATE HAS ACHIEVED ITS PURPOSE OF BROADENING INTERNATIONAL APPRECIATION FOR THE NEED TO RECOGNIZE PALESTINIAN POLITICAL RIGHTS. USG REMAINS SOLE HOLDOUT, QUOTE PLAYING SEMANTIC GAMES UNQUOTE ABOUT QUOTE INTERESTS UNQUOTE AS OPPOSED TO QUOTE RIGHTS UNQUOTE, YET UNWILLING TO SPELL OUT WHAT IT MEANS BY QUOTE INTERESTS UNQUOTE. IF USG IS SINCERE IN ITS FREQUENTLY AVOWED POSITION OF WANTING TO ADVANCE THE ME PEACE PROCESS, IT MUST NOW BEGIN A DIALOGUE WITH THE PLO. WITHOUT THIS THE PEACE PROCESS WILL MAKE NO HEADWAY. ISRAEL MUST BE PRESSED TO RECOGNIZE THE REALITY THAT THE PLO, AND NOT HUSSEIN, SPEAKS FOR THE PALESTINIANS.

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3. FAHMY SUGGESTED THAT THE LESSON OF LEBANON,
WHERE THE PLA IS KEEPING ORDER, OUGHT TO BE
SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN THAT
RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE IS THE KEY
ELEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE EQUATION. EILTS

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